(b) and (c) National Malaria Eradication Programme has a well established reporting system based on time tested prescribed proformae. The information generated from the periphery is systematically channelised to the Centre where the data is compiled for the country.

As per the procedure, death due to malaria is officially recorded only when the blood slide from the deceased patient is positive for malaria parasites and each reported death suspected due to Malaria is investigated and recorded as deaths due to Malaria after confirmation. Cases which die on clinical suspicion of malaria are not taken as deaths due to malaria. Thus there appears to be no ground to doubt the number of deaths due to malaria which are officially reported and recorded.

(d) The following specific steps are being continued to control/reduce Malaria:—

— Selective judicious residual insecticidal spray with appropriate insecticide.

—Fortnightly surveillance for detection and treatment of cases.

—Bio-environmental control methods through minor engineering modification in rural areas and anti-level measures through chemicals and use of larvivorous fish and environment management in urban areas.

—Intensification of special inputs in highly malarious areas with emphasis on personal protection measures, community involvement through health education etc.

कोयले की सप्लाई में धोखाधड़ी

702. श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 4 जून, 1990 के "जनसत्ता" में दक्षिण पूर्व कोयला खानों में कोयले की सप्लाई से संबंधित "कोयले की जगह राख और मिट्टी की सप्लाई" शीर्षक से छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो भा० को० कोलि०, सी० सी० एल० और डब्ल्यु० सी० एल० क्षेत्रों में चल रही इस प्रकार की धोखाधड़ी पर नियंत्रण पाने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्रवाई करने का विचार रखती है तथा दोषी अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध की जाने वाली कार्रवाई का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री (राज्य मंत्री कोयला एवं नागर विमानन मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री आरिफ मोहम्मद खान) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) साउथ ईस्टर्न कोलफील्डस लि० के प्रबंधन ने अपने सतर्कता विभाग द्वारा जांच की तथा उक्त जांच की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार कोई धोखाधड़ी नहीं पाई गई जैसाकि समाचार-पत्र में आरोप लगाया गया । किन्तु जांच ने इस बात की पुष्टि की है कि उपभोक्ताओं को सप्लाई किए गए कोयले के ग्रेड में कुछ कमियां पाई गई हैं, जो कि कोलियरी के कुछ अधिकारियों की लापरवाही के कारण हुई हैं जिनके विरुद्ध साउथ ईस्टर्न कोलफील्डस लि० प्रबंधन द्वारा विभागीय कार्रवाई शुरू कर दी गई है । कोयला कम्पनियों ने इस संबंध में किसी भी तरह का कदाचार किए जाने को मानने से इंकार किया जैसाकि कोयले के स्थान पर "राख तथा मिट्टी" की आपूर्ति का किया जाना । ओपेनकास्ट खनन के दौरान तथा कोयले के भण्डारण के समय कुछ बाहरी तत्वों जैसे पत्थरों, आदि के मिश्रण को पूर्णतया समाप्त नहीं किया जा सकता है । किन्तु कोयला कम्पनियां यह सुनिश्चित किए जाने का प्रयास करती हैं कि खनन भण्डारण तथा कोयले के रख-रखाव किए जाने के समय बाह्य तत्वों का मिश्रण कोयले में न्यूनतम हो । कोयला कम्पनियां उपभोक्ताओं के प्रतिनिधियों को कोयले के लदान का निरीक्षण किए जाने की भी अनुमति देती है ताकि उपभोक्ताओं को अधिकतम संतोषप्रदता मिल सके । बड़े उपभोक्ताओं को कोयला कम्पनियों द्वारा अधिकांश कोयले की बिक्री संयुक्त वेईंग व्यवस्था के अनुसार की जाती तथा कोयले का भुगतान की गई वास्तविक

आपूर्ति की गुणवत्ता के अनुसार किया जाता है ।

Foreign exchange spent on the Import of Petro-Chemicals

703. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) how much foreign exchange has been spent annually on account of import of petro-chemicals during the last three years; and

(b) what measures are proposed to reduce the import of petrochemicals?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The information is being collected.

(b) Various steps are being taken to reduce imports of petrochemical items, including setting-up some petro-chemical complex to increase indigenous availability of petrochemicals.

Export of bicycles

704. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the countries to which Government are exporting bicycles at present;

(b) whether Indian bicycles have a very good market in USA and some other countries; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to increase the export of bicycles to these countries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) According to information received from the Ministry of Commerce, complete bicycles are being exported from India to more than 50 countries major among them being Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Nigeria and Srilanka. Bicycle components are being exported to more than 60 countries, the main ones being Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Singapore Thailand, Italy and Netherlands.

(b) USA & EEC offer good prospects for modern bicycles.

(c) In order to increase exports, Government have allowed specified plant machinery for production of bicycles to be imported at concessional rates of customs duty against on export obligation of bicycles. The industry is also eligible for cash compensatory support at the rate of 18 percent of FOB value for new model bicycles and 12 percent for existing models.

Commissioner of Railway Safety's report on the accident of Secunderabad-Bombay special Train

705. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commissioner of Railway Safety has submitted its enquiry report on the accident of the Secunderabad Bombay special train which took place on the 4th June, 1990; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the report?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The Commissioner of Railway Safety has submitted his Preliminary Report.

(b) According to the provisional findings of the Commissioner, the accident occurred due to failure of Railway Staff. As a result of the accident 36 persons were killed, 93 were injured, 43 of them grievously. The cost of demage to railway assets was about Rs. 3.12 crores.

Complete indigenisation of Maruti Car production

706. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of indigenisation achieved so far in the production of Maruti Cars;